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J. Hooper Bosley House
Taylor's Island
1916
Private

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James Hooper Bosley purchased this Taylor's Island lot, comprising 8 ¼ acres, in May 1915, and he engaged J. Benjamin Brown to erect this unusual bungalow influenced dwelling. The construction project took place just after his completion of a four-year term as Dorchester County's senator in the Maryland legislature, serving from 1910 to 1914. J. Hooper Bosley died during the summer of 1921, and he left two-thirds interest in the property to Margaret Elexine Travers, who maintained title to the house and 8 ¼ acres until 1943. At that time, the property was acquired by T. Reynolds, Edith, and Allan Carpenter.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-209

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic J. Hooper Bosley House

other Carpenter Farm

2. Location

street and number 4215 Hoopers Neck Road not for publication

city, town Taylor's Island vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Patsy T. Carpenter

street and number P. O. Box 38 telephone

city, town Taylor's Island state MD zip code 21669-0038

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber PLC 124 folio 41

city, town Cambridge tax map 59 tax parcel 68 tax ID number 055497

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	3
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The James Hooper Bosley house, also known as the Carpenter Farm, is located at 4215 Hoopers Neck Road on Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland. Located in the corner of a bend in the road a few hundred feet from the Hoopers Neck Road intersection with Robinson's Neck Road, the story-and-a-half frame bungalow style dwelling is situated on a slight rise and is flanked by fields on two sides. The frame dwelling, supported on a rusticated concrete block foundation, is sheathed with aluminum siding, and it is covered with an asphalt shingle roof. Facing southeast, the principal gable roof is oriented on a northeast/southwest axis. Joining the house on the lot is a deteriorated frame carriage house/stable, a small potting shed, and a chicken coop, all of frame construction and dating to the early twentieth century.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The James Hooper Bosley house, also known as the Carpenter farm, stands on a 55.25-acre parcel that is bounded on two sides by Hooper's Neck Road on Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame, built in 1916, is joined on the site by a board-and-batten frame carriage house/stable, a chicken coop, and a small potting shed. The story-and-a-half frame house is supported on a rusticated concrete block foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with aluminum siding over plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The front (southeast) elevation is atypical for bungalows with a forward projecting gable-front porch that includes an enclosed space in the half story above the open porch. Half length rusticated concrete block plinths and Tuscan half columns support the gable roof in four locations. Piercing the gable front of the porch is a paired set of four-over-one sash windows, and to each are small three-over-three sash windows. The edge of the roof is extended and finished with an open soffit. Defining each side of the gable roof are large hip roofed dormers fitted with paired two-over-two sash windows. The porch shelters the front wall of the house, which is defined by a side entrance and a tripartite window featuring 20/1 sash windows. The glazed door is framed by a four-light transom and sidelights. Marking the southeast roof slope of the main block are hip roofed dormers fitted with two-over-two sash windows.

The northeast gable end elevation is defined by an asymmetrical fenestration with a tripartite set of windows balanced by a paired set on the first floor. The rusticated block foundation is pierced by three-pane windows. The upper wall surface is marked by a pair of nine-over-one sash windows, with small three-over-three sash windows piercing the wall surface to each side. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and open soffits. Rising through the gable end is a single flue brick stove chimney. The southwest gable end of the main block is finished in much the same manner as the northeast side.

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The northwest (rear) wall is covered largely by a story-and-a-half kitchen wing, which dates from the same period as the main block. The walls are pierced by a combination of paired or single nine-over-one sash windows, and the roof is marked by large hip roofed dormers fitted with paired two-over-two sash windows. Rising through the gable end is a single flue brick stove chimney.

Standing behind the house is a small gable roofed potting shed sheathed with plain weatherboard siding, and covered by a medium pitched wood shingle roof. The gable-front structure is finished with an extended eave and open soffits. A board-and-batten door provides access on the southeast side to an unfinished interior fitted with shelving. Located northeast of the house and potting shed is a single-story board-and-batten frame carriage house and stable that is reaching an advanced state of decay. The board-and-batten structure is covered by a steeply pitched roof featuring a rooftop, gable roofed vent. Extending from the southeast side of the main block is a shed roofed implement storage shed. The southwest gable-front elevation is pierced by two wagon bays, and the loft is accessed by a board-and-batten door hung on stable hinges. The edge of the roof is extended and finished with an open soffit. The back half of the building is accessed by means of large doors hung on strap hinges on the northwest side.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder J. Benjamin Brown Co.

Construction dates 1916

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

James Hooper Bosley purchased this Taylor's Island lot, encompassing 8 ¼ acres, in May 1915,¹ and engaged J. Benjamin Brown to erect this unusual bungalow dwelling. The construction project took place just after his completion of a four-year term as Dorchester County's senator in the Maryland legislature, serving from 1910 to 1914. J. Hooper Bosley died during the summer of 1921, and he left two-thirds interest in the property to Margaret Elexine Travers, who maintained title to the Taylor's Island and 8 ¼ acres until 1943.² At that time it was acquired by T. Reynolds, Edith, and Allan Carpenter.

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, WLR 9/61, 4 May 1915, Dorchester County Courthouse.

² Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 48/286, 16 November 1943, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Map 59, Parcel 68

124/41

Frederick C. Malkus, bachelor

to

1.31.1958

T. Reynolds Carpenter and Patsy T. Carpenter

124/37

T. Reynolds Carpenter and Patsy T. Carpenter

to

1.31.1958

Frederick C. Malkus

RSM 48/285

Margie E. Barnes, widow

to

10.30.1943

T. Reynolds Carpenter and Patsy T. Carpenter

\$1,200 Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 2

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RSM 48/286

Margaret E. Travers

to

11.16.1943

T. Reynolds Carpenter, Edith Carpenter,
Allan Carpenter

JFD 11/210

James Hooper Edmundson, Executor of J. Hooper Bosley
and Mary R. Bosley

to

12.27.1921

Margaret E. Travers

8 ¼ acres

Will Book
RPS 2/433

Last Will and Testament of J. Hooper Bosley

Written
4.6.1918
Proved
8.9.1921

to

Margaret Elexine Travers

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WLR 9/61 Joseph K. Shriver and wife, Charlotte E. H. Shriver

to

5.4.1915 J. Hooper Bosley

8 1/4 acres

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 55.25 acres

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name Taylor's Island, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

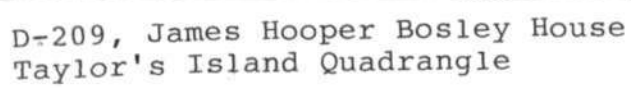
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	3/18/2011
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600





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June James (Hovden Busby) ISE
Taylor's Island, Dorchester Co. MD
Southeast Elevation

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IMAGE JAMES HOOPER BOYCE HOUSE
TAYLOR'S ISLAND, DOUGHERTY CO., MD.
EAST ELEVATION

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Judge James Hudson Bosley Throes
Taylor's Island, Director Gen. Mr.
CARICIAE ITURE / JABUS

3. 2011, Paul B. Tourant, PHOTO.

Mr. / Mr. Historical Trust

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Judge James Horner Bursley House
TAYLOR'S Island, Dorchester Co,
MD.

POATHING SITE

3. 2011, PAUL B. TONNET, PITTV.
WEG. (MD HISTORICAL TRUST)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Reynolds Carpenter House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Taylor's Island

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

Dorchester

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

T. Reynolds Carpenter

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Taylor's Island

STATE:

Maryland 21669

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

High Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

CODE

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Deed Ref: PLC 124/041

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>			Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Carpenter house is a one and one-half story frame dwelling constructed on rough-surface concrete block foundation. It is classified as a Bungaloid style and is laid out in a cross plan, the front being a screened porch with room above. The block piers, which support short columns, extend from the ground approximately 4 1/2 feet above the porch floor. In the center of the gable is a double window and flanking it, closer to the floor, are two small windows. These small windows are located on each gable beside two windows. There is a wide overhanging eave on all the roof. The entrance to the house has a door, surrounded by side-lights and transom above, located on the east side of the south facade. Beside the door is a large three section window. There is a hip roof dormer on both sides of each section of the 'A' roofs making in all eight dormers. There are three chimneys, two located within the main body of the house and one on the north gable. Within the north wing is an enclosed porch.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☒15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

Education ☐Political ☒Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☒Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

It was constructed in 1916 in the bungaloid style. It was constructed for Judge Hooper Bosley by Ben Brown Company. Mr Bosley was state senator from Dorchester County 1910-12. He was on the first board of directors and secretary treasurer of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, now known as the Eastern Shore Hospital Center.

The house, when built stood on approximately four acres of land purchased by Mr. Bosley from the Barnes family. The present owners bought the property in 1943 and fifty additional acres.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE: Acreage	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Justification:			
STATE: District 4, Map 59, p. 68	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		
ORGANIZATION	DATE	
Maryland Historical Trust	Spring, 1975	
STREET AND NUMBER:		
Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Annapolis	Maryland	21401

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

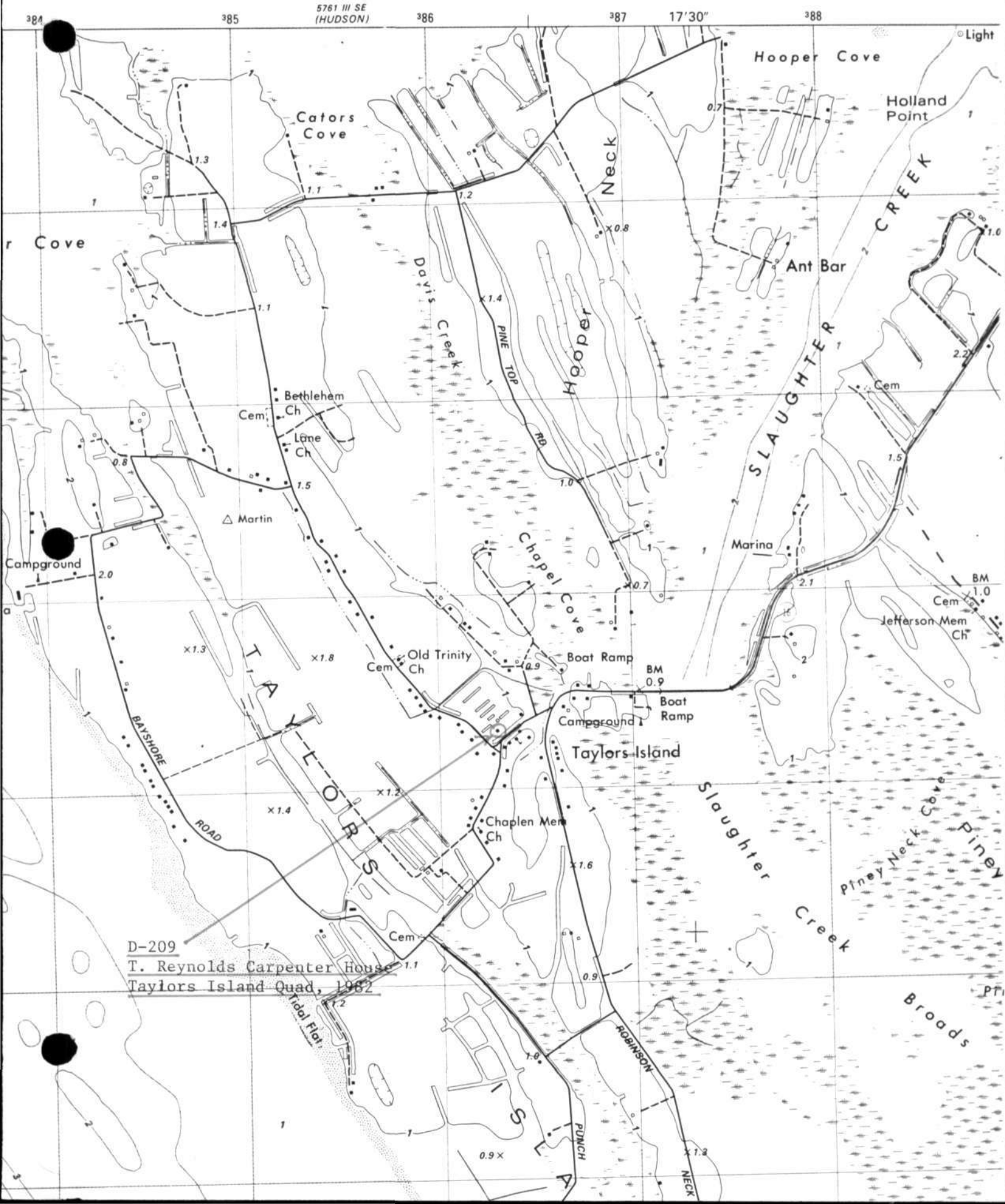
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____



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Taylor's Island Quad, 1962

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* T. Reynolds Carpenter House

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M. Bourne Spring 1975